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SUBJECT: POULTRY/COGNAC

REF: EC BRUSSELS 8764

1. THE USG VIEWS THE OCTOBER 8 MEETING OF THE EC POULTRY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AS A FINAL TRIGGER FOR A DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT THAT THE PRICE BREAK ON BRANDY VALUED BETWEEN \$9 AND \$17 BE REDUCED, I.E., THAT THE DUTY BE INCREASED. WITHOUT ACCEPTABLE RESULTS FROM OCTOBER 8 MEETING, A DECISION WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE MADE IMMEDIATELY IN FAVOR OF A ROLLBACK OF THE PRICE BREAK.

2. THE U.S. IS SEEKING AT A MINIMUM:

I. COMMISSION TO MODIFY APPROPRIATE EC REGULATION GOVERNING THE APPLICATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY LEVIES OR CHARGES ON POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS SO THAT CHANGES IN THESE CHARGES ARE EFFECTIVE AT THE TIME OF SHIPMENT RATHER THAN AT TIME OF ARRIVAL AT THE EC BORDER.

II. COMMISSION TO REVISE THE COEFFICIENTS USED TO DERIVE GATE PRICES FOR CERTAIN TURKEY PARTS:

PRODUCT	REVISED COEFFICIENT	CURRENT COEFFICIENT
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III.

BEST EFFORTS COMMITMENT BY THE DUTCH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THE LEVEL OF SUPPLEMENTAL CHARGES ON TURKEY AND TURKEY PARTS ARE NOT INCREASED ABOVE THE LEVELS IN EFFECT ON MAY 1, 1976, OR THE LEVEL WHICH WOULD HAVE RESULTED FROM APPLICATION ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT DATE OF THE ABOVE COEFFICIENTS, WHICHEVER IS LOWER, PENDING DEFINITIVE AND EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE POULTRY PROBLEM IN THE MTN. THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE CHANGES WHICH RESULT FROM THE AUTOMATIC OPERATION OF THE VARIABLE LEVY SYSTEM. THIS ASSUMES THAT ANY DECREASES IN SUCH CHARGES WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM THE NORMAL OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM IF U.S. DELIVERED PRICES FOR THESE PRODUCTS RISE WILL BE DULY PROVIDED.

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COMMITMENT FROM THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO EARLY TECHNICAL  
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IMPORTS WITH A VIEW TOWARD POSSIBLE LIBERALIZATION OF  
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6. ACTION REQUESTED: EC BRUSSELS: AMBASSADOR  
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